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SUBJECT: MPS REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN REPLACING HUMAN
TRAFFICKING STATISTICS MODEL

¶1. (SBU) During a meeting with Embassy Beijing on January 29, Chen Shiqu, Director of the Ministry of Public Security (MPS) Office of Combating Human Trafficking requested assistance in updating the statistical models currently in use for deriving data on trafficking in China. Chen stated that the model used by the National Bureau of Statistics made it impossible to provide data other governments and international organizations needed to study and assess accurately human trafficking.

¶2. (SBU) Chen acknowledged that not having a model consistent with international standards had created a problem when trying to share data with the Embassy on the Chinese government's progress on human trafficking. He told PolOffs that, with the release of the "National Plan of Action on Combating Trafficking in Women and Children Progress Report" in December 2009, MPS obligated itself to release an annual trafficking report for China and was looking to use a new statistical model for the data included in those reports. Chen asked whether the USG might be willing to provide examples of the types of statistics and methodology that would make the trafficking report more useful.
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